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IT'S ONE THING TO COMMIT TO A BOLD VISION. IT'S ANOTHER THING TO EXECUTE A PLAN OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE IT.

In our case, the plan is *Trustees 2017*, our 10-year strategic vision guiding the work of The Trustees over the next decade. *Trustees 2017* was created in 2007 by a task force I had the honor of co-chairing. As we looked ahead 10 years, we laid out four ambitious goals: accelerating our land-protection efforts; engaging and mobilizing more people to get involved in conservation; leading by example, not only in the care of our reservations, but in living and working sustainably; and being one of the best conservation organizations to work for in the country.

We have made solid progress on each point. But, as with all good plans, this one was made to be refined and strengthened over time. Our vision remains as bold as ever. But our plan of action to achieve that vision has evolved. Today, our conservation work is increasingly innovative and collaborative. We know our mission doesn't stop at our reservation boundaries. As friends, neighbors, and allies, we are working side by side with individuals and partners both large and small to reach new people in new communities, so that we can broaden the impact of our collective work.

Despite the challenges posed by the economic climate, we approach the years ahead from a position of strength, thanks to the inspiration and generosity of our members, donors, and volunteers. We're very grateful to all those who helped us meet last year's fundraising challenge from our Board of Directors, which pledged to match $250,000 in new gifts from our supporters – and we are looking forward to doing it again this year.

Guided by our strategic vision and buoyed by our strong base of support, as we look ahead to 2017 and beyond, we are optimistic about our continued momentum and are committed to reaching our goals. Hand in hand with people like you, we are making Massachusetts a model for the nation – and a great place to call home.

David Croll
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHETHER YOU LIVE IN A RURAL AREA, A BURGEONING SUBURB, OR A CITY, CHANCES ARE YOU VALUE THE THINGS THAT SET YOUR COMMUNITY APART: THE PEOPLE, THE HISTORY, A FAVORITE PARK. Sometimes it's hard to put into words, but it's just the *feel* of the place that stirs your love and pride for your home, whether you've lived there for years or are a new arrival.

That strong relationship between people and place is fundamental to the health and well-being of our communities. Indeed, it's what drives The Trustees' vision of a Commonwealth made up of 351 healthy, active, green communities – places where people have access to clean air and water, open space for play and relaxation, and good food to nourish the mind and body; places where neighbors are engaged, active, and empowered to create change; and places where people are living and working in ways that ensure the health and vitality of Massachusetts – and the entire planet – for generations to come.

It's no small undertaking. But luckily, we're not in this alone.

We've created this annual-report issue of *Special Places* magazine to share our successes and inspiration – *your* successes and inspiration – with every one of our members and volunteers across the state. Inside, you'll find stories of people working side by side to protect our environment, celebrate our vibrant heritage, and sow the seeds of sustainability, sometimes in surprising ways.

It's work that's growing from the ground up, in places like the fields at Hingham's Weir River Farm and the forests of the Pioneer Valley. It's work that involves new partnerships with dedicated urban volunteers, fellow conservation groups, and state officials. And it's work marked by creative approaches that are inspiring the next generation of conservationists to make their voices heard.

It's happening because of all of you. Together, we are making the Commonwealth a more healthy, active, green place to live. And that's something to be proud of.

Andy Kendall
PRESIDENT

The Low-Carb Farm

Never mind the Atkins diet. Have you heard about the Appleton diet?

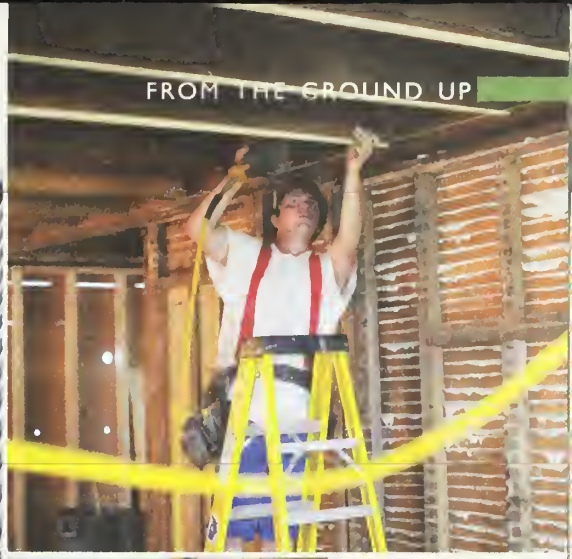
AT APPLETON FARMS IN HAMILTON AND IPSWICH, AN AMBITIOUS PLAN TO BECOME CARBON-NEUTRAL IS SEEING ASTONISHING RESULTS. NO CALORIE COUNTING IS REQUIRED, BUT CARBON COUNTING IS WELCOME. While farming might seem to be the ultimate earth-friendly activity, it can be extremely damaging to the atmosphere, especially in the intensive form so common today. Fertilizer use, livestock production, and food distribution emit greenhouse gases including carbon, methane, and nitrous oxide, making farming a leading contributor to climate change.

Around the world, awareness is growing about this link, and farmers are experimenting with projects aimed at carbon neutrality – storing or offsetting as much carbon as you emit. Established in 1636, Appleton Farms has a long history of agricultural innovation. Today, the farm is once again on the cutting edge, and its success so far has the potential to impact farming in New England and beyond.

With the help of grants and private donations, the farm has made changes that have cut its carbon footprint from 380 metric tons to 184. "If all goes well, we could be carbon neutral by the end of 2011," says Wayne Castonguay, who oversees The Trustees' farm programs statewide.

That progress has occurred in less than two years, partly thanks to "green" substitutes for conventional farm machinery, like a solar hot water heater for the dairy barn, use of biodiesel in most equipment, and an

THE GRASS IS GREENER
Solar panels, biodiesel tractors, and a green renovation of the farm's "Old House" are all helping Appleton Farms lower its impact on the environment – while expanding its impact on the public. Learn more about the green restoration of the "Old House" at www.thetrustees.org/oldhouse.



BELOW: Volunteers like Bob Myers, who helps milk the cows every morning, are critical to the farm's success.

ATV for getting around on the farm. Other new additions are more ingenious: for instance, a system that collects and reuses heat from the farm's cows. But the biggest bang for the buck, says Castonguay, comes from making old systems better: "You hear this over and over again, but the best thing you can do is invest in energy efficiency. That really hit home when we conducted our energy audit and calculated the carbon we could save – it's something so simple. Anyone can do it for their own home."

Everything-old-is-new-again guides the farm's touchstone project, too: a major retrofit of the farm's 4,700-square-foot "Old House," part of which dates to 1794. When complete, the building will house the new Center for Agriculture and the Environment, a hands-on welcome and research center for visitors, conservationists, and farmers.

Castonguay says the gold LEED-certified facility will provide "one-stop shopping" for sustainability, energy conservation, agriculture, and farm land protection. The project is designed to be a scalable template for other farms and homes. "Visitors can see and touch real-world solutions," he says. "These are not wild, unreachable things."

Many of the ideas are within reach precisely because they're more old-school than new, says Susie Winthrop, chair of the Appleton Farms volunteer property committee. Winthrop and her husband Fred, former Trustees executive director, were neighbors and family friends of Joan Appleton, who donated the 1,000-acre farm to the organization in 1998 and lived there until her death in 2006.

Winthrop, a farmer herself, says sustainability is really an old idea that's come back around. It often "involves going back in time ... using wood biomass for heat, raising grass-fed beef by moving cows from one pasture to the next – these are old-fashioned ways of doing things." After nearly 375 years as a working farm, she says, Appleton Farms comes by its climate-fighting role naturally. Small-scale farming, done thoughtfully, "is what sustains us as human beings, and it also sustains the land."

Being a role model is not new for Appleton. In 2002, The Trustees launched a 100-share CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program there, which has grown to become the second largest in New England with more than 800 families. Thousands of kids and adults participate in on-the-farm programs and special events. Volunteers like Winthrop are critical to it all, helping with programs, in the fields, with regular farm maintenance, and of course, supporting the vision of the carbon-neutral farm.

"The number of people having learning experiences on the farm is very exciting," says Winthrop, who adds that the farm is also great for walking, biking, and riding horses. "There's just so much going on."

It was exactly this sort of escape that Joan Appleton hoped people would find at the farm. Upon donating the property, she told the Boston Globe, "There's a terrible need to preserve open land. It's wonderfully healing for people. So often when people get here they take a big breath. We need to do that – get away from that blasted traffic."

These days, we know "that blasted traffic" is doing more than cluttering our daily lives; it's contributing potentially atmosphere-altering emissions. To help counter that, The Trustees are working to reduce their impacts and inspire others to live more sustainably. And Appleton Farms is leading the way, proving that anything is possible if you put your mind to it – and stick to your diet.

TO MARKET TO MARKET

ED PITCAVAGE USED TO BE A VEGETARIAN, BUT NOW HE CAN'T RESIST THE AROMA OF A GRASS-FED STEAK ON THE GRILL.

IT HELPS THAT PITCAVAGE KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE HIS SUCCULENT SUPPER COMES FROM: WEIR RIVER FARM, WHICH HE'S MANAGED FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Under the guiding hand of Pitcavage, who grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania, Weir River has evolved from a 75-acre scenic respite for area residents into a lively operation that produces vegetables, flowers, meat, and eggs for local families.

The property, a generous gift of Polly Thayer Starr in 1999, "is the last working farm in Hingham," says Pitcavage. "A lot of people are rallying around that."

By all accounts, it's one heck of a rally. When Weir River first opened, local families flocked to it to see real farm animals such as horses, pigs, and sheep on

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

Volunteer Ruth Davis preps vegetables for sale. Superintendent Ed Pitcavage oversees this fast-growing farm. Kids learn about farming by helping care for chickens, goats, and other animals. Intern Jessica Lane picks beans in the market garden for the farmstand.

Learn more about Weir River's market garden, programs, and events at www.thetrustees.org/weirriver.

a real farm. Demand grew for Weir River's hands-on education programs, including a 4-H program, that teach kids and adults not just about farming and food, but about the links between the food on our plates and the health of our bodies, environment, and economy.

Last year marked the debut of the farm's two-acre market garden, and the season's success saw the garden expand to about 3.5 acres in 2010. Staff and volunteers sell goods at the Hingham Farmers Market on Saturdays, and at least five other markets have called to invite them on board. This year, the farm opened an on-site farmstand and is entering into partnerships with local restaurants; next year will see the launch of a 90-share CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program.

From the start, the market garden was a hit – not just for its savory results, but for the opportunities it offered along the way. "It was amazing to see all of the families and volunteers who would come out to pick rocks, plant seeds, weed, and just generally enjoy their time outside" during the inaugural season, says Education and Interpretation Coordinator Meg Connolly. There's a simple reason young people keep coming back, she says: "The children feel pride in growing something themselves – and who doesn't love to get dirty?"

Among those passionate about that pursuit are Arlo and Will Maxwell and their parents, Jody and John (PICTURED RIGHT). For the last two seasons, the local family has volunteered on projects ranging from picking rocks to building beanpoles to planting sunflowers. And as part of Will's last birthday party, family and friends visited with the farm's animals, which include a growing herd of Belted Galloway cows, Tamworth pigs, horses, sheep, and chickens.

"I grew up on a farm, and I have a lot of fond memories," says Jody Maxwell. "I want my kids to have that in their lives. Everyone [at Weir River] is friendly and kind, and they are unbelievable educators. It's just a lovely thing for my kids to be able to be a part of."

That positive vibe isn't lost on Pitcavage, who marvels at the work done by hundreds of volunteers, many of them new to the farm. Thanks to their help, the market garden will produce thousands of pounds of food and flowers this year. And it seems there will be another aroma wafting from the grill: the sweet smell of success.

Out on a Limb

If a tree falls in a forest, but you're in a public forum talking about trees falling in forests ... does it still make a sound?

Just ask Trustees Vice President for Sustainability Lisa Vernegaard, who helmed the yearlong undertaking that was the state Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Forest Futures Visioning Process.

The goal of Forest Futures was to provide management guidance for the 308,000 forested acres in the agency's state and urban parks. The agency tapped Vernegaard, who has 18 years of experience as a Trustees planner and ecologist and a degree from the Yale School of Forestry, to lead the process because she "had the stature, the working background, and the ability to facilitate passionate discussions," says DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan.

Vernegaard seized the opportunity, which involved meetings, negotiations, and public forums that attracted people from across the state. "The Trustees' work of mobilizing people to care for and speak up for open space goes beyond our reservation borders," she says. "This was an opportunity for The Trustees to be part of larger discussions about how these lands contribute to our communities' health and economic vitality. We were able to see firsthand people's passion and commitment to our forests and their future."

In April, Vernegaard's steering committee of foresters, scientists, and conservationists issued recommendations that would designate DCR lands for three purposes: preservation, recreation, and sustainable forestry. Sullivan says their vision represents the most significant potential shift in DCR's management approach in decades.

"This vision would not have been created but for the commitment of The Trustees and Lisa," he says. "It speaks volumes about the organization's commitment, not only to their own properties but to land management throughout the Commonwealth."

Finding Fitchburg

JANET MORRISON, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THIS NORTH-CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CITY OF 39,000, REMEMBERS A TIME WHEN THE NASHUA RIVER WAS SO THICK WITH PULP FROM THE PAPER MILLS LINING ITS BANKS THAT LOCALS CLAIMED IT WAS POSSIBLE TO STEP ONTO THE SURFACE WITHOUT SINKING. The river turned different colors according to the dyes used in the textile mills, and issued a stench that wafted through the city.

That sorry state made the Nashua one of the nation's most polluted rivers by the mid-1960s. But the waterway has made a remarkable comeback, and is now the focus of a watershed-protection effort that is a key part of the city's economic redevelopment plan.

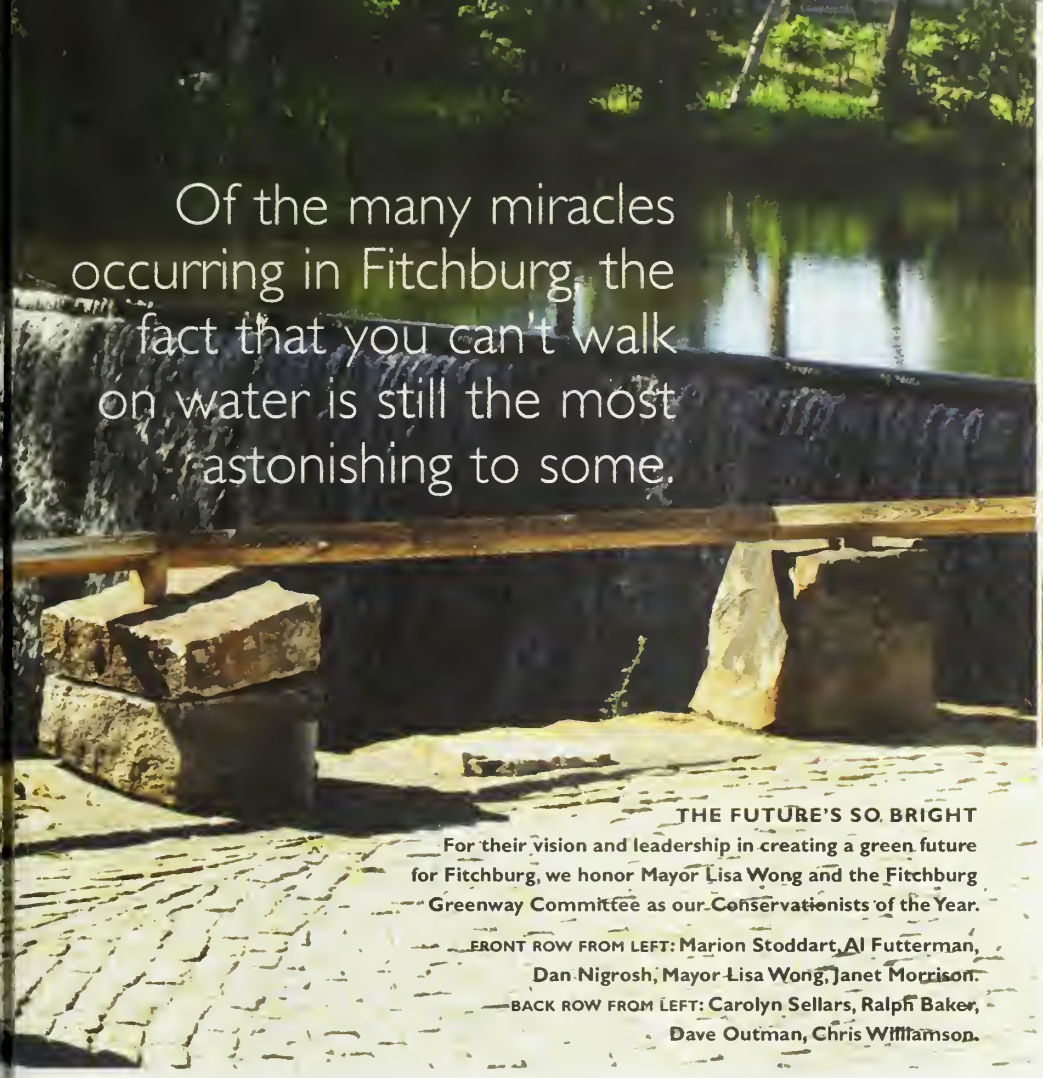
Gateway Park will provide a new access point to the Nashua River and be a catalyst for revitalization of the city's mill district.

"The river is an integral part of our history and culture," says Morrison, co-chair of the Fitchburg Greenway Committee (FGC), which is responsible for much of the recent progress. "It's definitely an asset for the city, and our job is to convince people of that."

That's not an easy task in a city riddled with economic troubles. Perched 46 miles northwest of Boston, Fitchburg was once a manufacturing and commercial center, thanks to its location on the river and on the Boston–Albany rail line. But as the city's mills shut down, Fitchburg fell on hard times; today, household and per capita incomes are below the state average, and 12 percent of residents live below the poverty line.

Not surprisingly, some in the city are more concerned with securing jobs than securing conservation restrictions. But increasingly, the connection between a healthy environment and a healthy economy is becoming clear.

That's thanks in large part to the pioneering leadership of Mayor Lisa Wong. From the moment she took the reins in 2007 as the first Asian – and female – mayor in this ethnically diverse city, Wong has shown a commitment to shaking things up. As the former head of Fitchburg's Redevelopment Authority, she was already schooled in the value the river offers in re-creating a healthy, vibrant city center.



Of the many miracles occurring in Fitchburg, the fact that you can't walk on water is still the most astonishing to some.

THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT

For their vision and leadership in creating a green future for Fitchburg, we honor Mayor Lisa Wong and the Fitchburg Greenway Committee as our Conservationists of the Year.

FRONT ROW FROM LEFT: Marion Stoddart, Al Futterman, Dan Nigrosh, Mayor Lisa Wong, Janet Morrison.

BACK ROW FROM LEFT: Carolyn Sellars, Ralph Baker, Dave Outman, Chris Williamson.

"When I see the river, I see possibilities," she says. "The river was such an important connector in Fitchburg's history, but it connected everyone's back yards, versus our front yards.... Now that it's cleaned up, we need to celebrate it."

Wong is putting her money where her mouth is – or rather, finding creative ways to finance her conservation goals by attracting funding from outside of the city. With the help of partners including The Trustees of Reservations, the North County Land Trust (also directed by Morrison), the Nashua River Watershed Association, and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, the city has protected and opened to the public more than 2,000 acres of watershed lands through a combination of state-funded purchases, institutional grants, and private donations. It's a boon to area residents who love hiking, fishing, and hunting – and will be a draw for visitors to the region.

The latest addition to Fitchburg's growing greenway is Gateway Park, a five-acre parcel secured with funding from the state's Gateway Cities Parks program. That initiative provides grants to cities with populations above 35,000 and income and education levels below the state average. Currently in the design and planning phase, Gateway Park will provide a brand-new access point to the river and be a catalyst for revitalization of the old mill district.

The Trustees worked with the North County Land Trust (NCLT) and the ad-hoc FGC to negotiate the Gateway Park sale and acquire the property. They also helped the NCLT and the City secure funding for the purchase of 170 acres of privately owned watershed lands last year, the last piece in the larger puzzle of the City's watershed deal. "The Trustees have really jumped in and made things happen," says Morrison. "They've been crucial to getting things done."

Trustees Community Conservation Specialist David Outman says getting involved was the obvious choice given the organization's interest in helping to create healthy and green communities across the state. He says The Trustees will continue to work with the FGC "to figure out how we can be most helpful, in the spirit of community conservation."

At 7:30am on the second Thursday of each month, the conference room at Can-Am Machinery in Fitchburg comes to life as members of the FGC assemble to brainstorm new ways to protect and promote the city they love. Among them are CEOs, engineers, teachers, planners – and the region's most legendary activist, 82-year-old Marion Stoddart (PICTURED ABOVE).

It was Stoddart, a Groton housewife horrified by the condition of the Nashua River, who formed the clean-up committee in 1965 that would become the Nashua River Watershed Association and set the river on a new course. She inspired others to create similar groups and successfully lobbied for the creation of state and federal clean-water acts.

Today, those continuing to revitalize the river credit her with starting it all. "I want people to take the river into their hearts," Stoddart has said – and in Fitchburg, they're doing just that.

See Stoddart's legacy on film: www.workof1000.com.

THERE'S ROOM TO BREATHE IN THE HILLTOWNS AND WIL HASTINGS HOPES TO KEEP IT THAT WAY

A HELPING HAND IN THE HILLTOWNS

IN THIS RURAL REGION WEST OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER, TREES OUTNUMBER PEOPLE BY A MILE. STORYBOOK VILLAGES MARKED BY WHITE CLAPBOARD CHURCHES AND GENERAL STORES SIT CUPPED BY THE GENTLE FOOTHILLS OF THE BERKSHIRES. A certain peace dominates the landscape, as alluring to families who have farmed here for generations as it is to artists and others who have discovered the area more recently.

But the Hilltowns are no untouched paradise; the lands are "crying out for protection as development moves west," says Wil Hastings, president of the Hilltown Land Trust (HLT).

Since its founding in 1986, the all-volunteer HLT has doggedly worked with local residents to protect nearly 3,000 acres of forests, farms, and watershed lands. Its dedicated volunteers broker conservation deals with state and local boards, monitor protected acreage, provide public education, and raise funds. The group also owns several properties that are open to the public.

Hastings, a board member since 1991, took the helm in 1995, and has been instrumental in these efforts. But a few years ago, he realized HLT's successes were outpacing its capacity. "We were like a kid who has more food than he can handle, but eats it anyway," he says. To avoid institutional indigestion, Hastings and his fellow volunteers began looking for a partner to complement their work. They found exactly that in The Trustees.

The two groups, which had occasionally collaborated in the past, formalized an affiliation in late 2009. While HLT will maintain its distinct identity, it will benefit from the logistical and administrative support of The Trustees – including the recent hiring of a shared, half-time staff person. "Our energies are headed in the same direction," says Hastings, who notes, "The Trustees add tremendous stability to our program."

Jocelyn Forbush, Trustees Regional Director for the Berkshires, Pioneer Valley, and Central Regions, says the relationship will benefit both groups and the region. "Wil was the key thinker and strategizer, and did a remarkable job putting this together," she says. "Now we have a great opportunity to learn from each other and make conservation gains with focused, consistent attention on these communities."

The Trustees' and HLT's past collaborations had already attracted attention from landowners who recognized the solid reputation of both groups. One such landowner was 81-year-old Goshen resident Floyd Merritt, who in December donated a conservation restriction – to be held by both groups – on an 83-acre farm that had been in his family since 1897. The deal not only protects a local landmark, but also secures crucial habitat for threatened turtles, salamanders, and dragonflies. Hastings says such habitat protection is increasingly a focus for HLT, which he hopes will now be able to double the number of acres conserved annually in this fragile region thanks to the affiliation.

Driven and determined at 75, the former lawyer cites a childhood spent in the woods as his primary inspiration. "I roamed around all the time, and felt completely comfortable there," Hastings says. "That's how I became interested in saving nature for others to enjoy. It's built into my psyche."

Restoring Red Brook

Call it love at first salt: After Theodore Lyman visited Red Brook in 1867, he spent his life trying to protect it and the "salters" swimming in its cool waters.

The naturalist – and future Congressman – bought hundreds of acres along the 4.5-mile-long coastal stream, which runs through Wareham and Plymouth, and instilled in his family a deep love for the waterway – and for its sea-run brook trout, or salters, which leave their usual coastal waters to spawn there.

By 2001 however, Red Brook, which over the course of a century had been dammed to supply water for nearby cranberry operations, was a system under stress. "From its source to its outlet in Buttermilk Bay, the brook was no longer healthy for the trout," says Trustees Ecology Program Manager Russ Hopping.

That's when the Lyman family, concerned about the diminishing trout population and determined to protect the brook, forged a partnership among The Trustees, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and Trout Unlimited to provide for the long-term care of the 638-acre property and the brook that runs through it. Together, with funding from American Rivers and support from cranberry grower A. D. Makepeace, the partners conducted a three-year restoration of the brook, removing old dams, adding fallen trees to create shelter for fish, and planting native species. "We removed the sources of stress and let the stream recreate itself," says Tim Purinton, acting director of the state's Division of Ecological Restoration, who terms the effort "the shining star of our restoration projects and partnerships."

Red Brook is a "shining star" of restoration projects and partnerships.

Now the salters are returning, and with the state's acquisition of 245-acre Century Bog at the head of the brook, the entire waterway is protected. "It's exciting that together we've made a healthier, more resilient stream," says Hopping.

With the work complete, The Trustees' 210-acre Lyman Reserve has reopened to the public, including catch-and-release anglers. Were he around to see it, Theodore Lyman might shed salty tears of joy.

The Plot Thickens

On a sunny summer Saturday, Mark Brochu is tackling some long overdue weeding.

GESTURING WITH DIRT-COVERED HANDS, BROCHU DESCRIBES THE VARIOUS STATES OF THE TOMATOES, BEANS, SQUASH, AND OTHER CROPS IN HIS PLOT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR COMMUNITY FARM. Noting that some are faring better than others, he says he's grateful to have the space to experiment. After all, he says with a wry grin, "There's only so much you can do on your porch."

The garden where Brochu and more than 40 others regularly reap what they sow is located on a sprawling, colorful corner lot in Jamaica Plain. Tucked into the foot of a hill packed with the neighborhood's traditional triple-decker houses, it lies just across the street from the green expanse of the Southwest Corridor Parkland and its subterranean Orange Line. Periodically, the rumbling of the **T** vies with the chirping of songbirds, a sign that this is a true urban garden.

It's now an urban garden with a clear future, thanks to Trustees affiliate Boston Natural Areas Network. Last fall, at peak harvest time, BNAN accepted ownership of this property and four community gardens in Dorchester from a longstanding local group known as Boston Urban Gardeners (BUG). By carrying on BUG's legacy, BNAN, which owns a total of 43 community gardens across the city and provides support for more than 100 more, will ensure protection of vital green space in the city. More than that, it will ensure a continuation of the benefits these gardens provide: fresh, healthy food; regular exercise; strong connections with neighbors; and even the occasional moment of quiet reflection. (As if to warmly welcome such moments, one plot in the Jamaica Plain garden houses a foot-high Buddha statue.)

"With [its founding in] 1975, BUG broke new ground in transforming vacant land in the city's underserved neighborhoods into community gardens and parks," says BNAN President Valerie Burns. "With its closure, the BUG leadership has worked hard to ensure the organization's original mission is honored."

In addition to transferring the properties, BUG provided funding for necessary repairs and upgrades. It also established a BUG Legacy Fund with proceeds earned from the earlier sale of its headquarters. Managed by BNAN and The Trustees, the fund will provide assistance to local community-gardening groups.

"As we moved our resources to BNAN and The Trustees, we chose organizations that had the financial and organizational capability to ensure the gardens could grow and remain a permanent resource," says former BUG President Marrey Embers. She says community gardens play a crucial role in Boston and other communities, "making neighbors out of strangers, educating people about the environment, bringing together people of different cultural, racial, and class backgrounds, and contributing to food security."

Community gardens also make fresh food available in neighborhoods where it is notoriously hard to find. Burns estimates that an individual 10-by-15-foot plot generates $430 worth of produce a season; citywide, more than 500,000 pounds of fresh vegetables are harvested each year.

Wendy Stander, who has gardened at the Southwest Corridor Community Farm for more than 20 years, says she and her fellow gardeners feel relieved that BNAN has "stepped in and stepped up" to manage the properties. While the Jamaica Plain garden has a conservation restriction attached to it, the gardens in Dorchester had been relatively unprotected. "There is so much economic pressure to develop open space," Stander says. "No one is setting aside property right now for community gardens, and we need to preserve the existing gardens we have."

That's a top priority for BNAN. Since acquiring the BUG holdings, BNAN has met with their gardeners, surveyed the properties, and determined repair and upgrade priorities. This spring, it rebuilt one of the Dorchester gardens, which had lain fallow for years, Burns says. Two other Dorchester gardens were repaired and were fully subscribed this season with new gardeners.

For a time, the fate of these gardens was unclear, and anxiety began to grow alongside the tomato plants. But with BNAN in the picture, the community gardeners of Dorchester and Jamaica Plain can refocus on what really matters: weeds, dirt, and deliciousness. "We appreciate the dedication of all community gardeners to maintaining the vibrant urban gardening network we have enjoyed in this city for almost 40 years," Burns says. "We'll make sure it continues to flourish."

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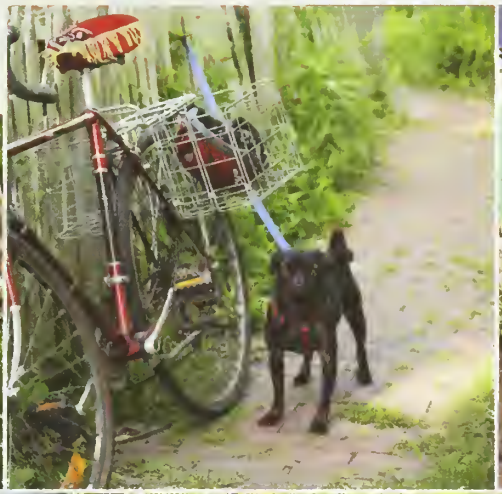
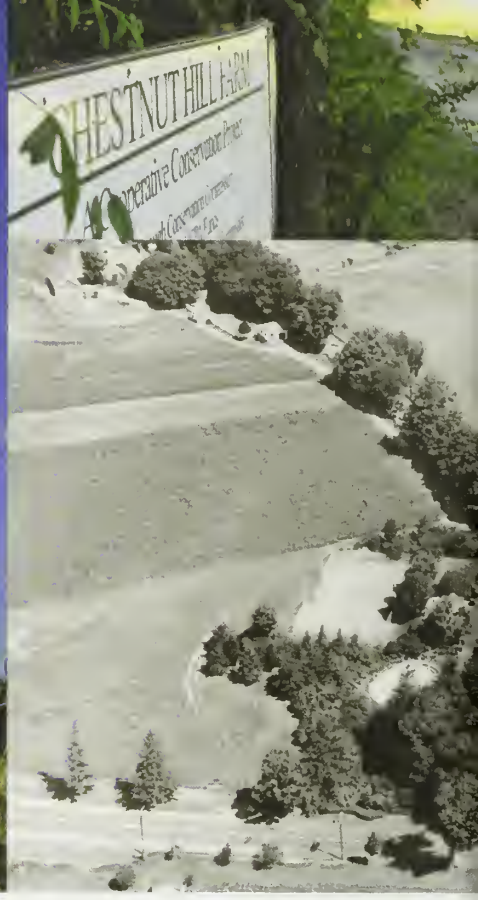


A GROWING COMMUNITY

At Jamica Plain's Southwest Corridor Community Farm, Janet Lang tends her plot, Kathryn Harris proudly picks her mouthwatering tomatoes, and Ethan Yankowitz gives his daughter Serena a helping hand with the watering. Community gardens can be places of serenity even the Buddha would admire.

BLUE SKY DREAMS

TWICE A DAY, TRAFFIC ON ROUTE 30 STOPPED FOR CHARLIE DONALDSON AND HIS COWS, AN AYRSHIRE DAIRY HERD PLODDING FROM BARN TO PASTURE AND BACK.



WHIT BEALS REMEMBERS THE SCENE LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY, THOUGH IT'S BEEN NEARLY 45 YEARS SINCE HIS OLD NEIGHBOR RETIRED. Then again, there's something about Chestnut Hill Farm that tends to leave lasting impressions.

Now the chance to reap such impressions is available to all, thanks to the foresight and generosity of the entire Beals family.

It was 1950 when Whit's parents, Elaine and Philip, first moved to a 50-acre farm in Southborough with their young family. Later, the couple purchased 55 adjoining acres to help protect the seasonal pasture of Charlie Donaldson's herd. When the Donaldsons put their main farm up for sale in the mid-1960s, the Beals family stepped in once more, buying the property to keep it from being turned into a subdivision in this burgeoning suburb just inside I-495. It has remained a working farm ever since.

Over the years, the family – including his mother, Elaine, Susan Sargent, Molly Millman, Nancy Donaldson, and Jonas and Thomas Beals – has taken steps to protect their property, primarily by donating parcels and conservation restrictions to local land trusts. Southborough residents have played their own part in protecting the farm, voting at a special town meeting in 2006 to purchase a conservation restriction on the remaining unprotected parcels. Since then, the land has been open to the public, becoming a treasured community resource.

In 2010, the Beals family went a step further, donating 131-acre Chestnut Hill Farm, including fields, woodlands, and several buildings, to The Trustees. "Our family decided the farm would be better off in the hands of someone who can apply the time and resources to care for it," Whit Beals explains.

It's the kind of land you just don't find inside I-495 anymore, says Wayne Beitler, Trustees' Community Conservation Specialist, who worked with the family. "It's Big Sky country: huge open fields and meadows, tons of light and air ... you can see for miles."

For The Trustees, the farm was about more than protecting a critical working landscape; it was a chance reach out to a new community. Says Steve Sloan, The Trustees' Greater Boston Regional Director, "We're extremely excited to work with the residents of Southborough to care for the property and provide great experiences for its visitors. It's wonderful to be able to carry on the Beals family's legacy of conservation and care for this farm, which the town has embraced as their own."

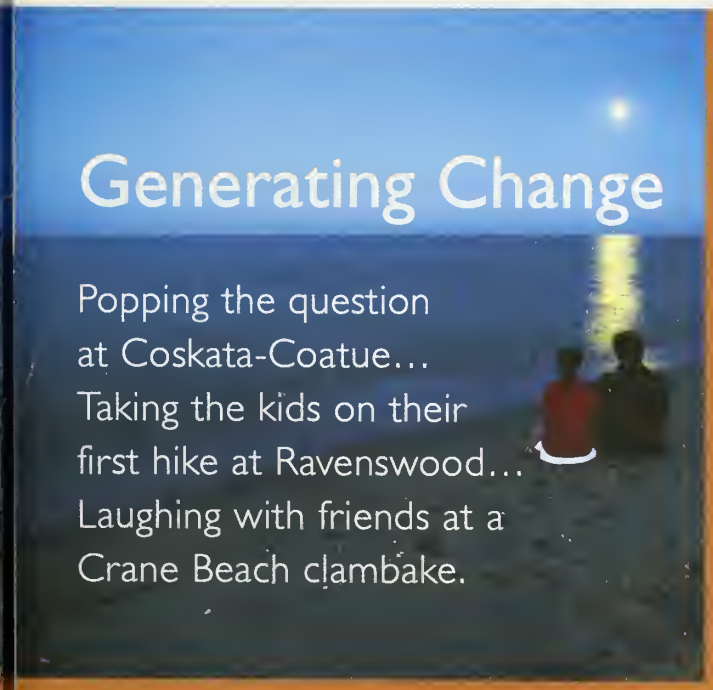
For his part, Beals – who is director of land conservation at the New England Forestry Foundation and returned to the family homestead in 1990 – marvels at the things he's still discovering about the land he's known nearly all his life. A former open tussock marsh is now a red maple swamp, he says. A forest is growing where a bare hillside stood.

Beals says the family hopes more people will explore the property. "I hope people will enjoy the singing of the bobolinks and the vistas across the hayfields and the chance to walk in diverse woodlands," he says. "My parents didn't give in to the temptation to take cash and watch things change permanently. So now, at the farm, you can watch things change gradually or not at all."

"It's Big Sky country: huge open fields and meadows, tons of light and air..."

SAVING BIG SKY
The Beals family, including Whit and his mother Elaine, were passionate about saving the family farm. The family first purchased the 50-acre farm in 1950. In 2006, Southborough residents voted to purchase a conservation restriction on the farm. It's been open to the public ever since. In 2010, the family donated the farm to The Trustees.

Generating Change



Popping the question at Coskata-Coatue… Taking the kids on their first hike at Ravenswood… Laughing with friends at a Crane Beach clambake.

These are just a few Trustees-inspired moments cited by members of the Conservation Council, a special giving society for people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, as the reason they first got involved with the organization.

It's been 10 years since the Conservation Council first drew together young people eager to make a difference for Massachusetts' open space through philanthropy, volunteerism, and outreach. Today, the Council has grown to more than 250 members who are involved at all levels of The Trustees.

"We're a group of people with common interests and a real passion for The Trustees," says the Council's steering committee chair Bo Piela. That passion has driven Council members to volunteer more than 1,100 hours in the past year, from organizing gatherings for Council members and friends, to coordinating events such as the Ride for Green fundraiser, to helping in our farm fields and with trail work.

Ultimately, Piela says, the Council exists to "cultivate and nuture a new generation of leaders, volunteers, and donors." Former steering committee co-chair Janet Walsmith has gone on to serve on The Trustees' Advisory Council and organization-wide committees. She agrees that the Council is a perfect stepping stone to deeper involvement with The Trustees and hopes the group will continue to flourish, attracting more members from across the state. "The more people are involved, the more people can share the joy of making change and saving special places," she says. "It's a chance for people to join forces in a positive way."

We're a group of people with a real passion for The Trustees.

Learn how you can deepen your involvement with The Trustees at www.thetrustees.org/conservationcouncil.

Land Conservation

MountainStar Forest, Peru

FEE ACQUISITION

Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT) is the transactional affiliate of The Trustees of Reservations.

Project | City/Town Acreage | Partners*/Donors	Description
Jubb Family Farm | Shirley 3 acres | MLCT*/Jubb Family	Critical parcel and 18th-century house to be sold with conservation restriction allowing the public to access the neighboring Farandnear property (an expected future Trustees reservation). It will also connect existing conservation land held by The Trustees and The Town of Shirley.
Land of Providence | Holyoke 25 acres | Sisters of Providence	Beautiful fields and agricultural land make up The Trustees' 102nd reservation. It's also home to a partnership with Nuestras Raíces, a grassroots organization that fosters economic, human, and community development in predominantly Latino Holyoke.
Mount Warner | Hadley 159 acres | MLCT*	Tranquil woodlands and vernal pools, with a unique view of the Connecticut River Valley, are part of a network of permanently protected woodlands and farmlands. Mount Warner will open to the public as a Trustees reservation in spring of 2011.
Rocky Narrows | Medfield | 22.3 acres George Lewis, Eleanor Campbell	Gifts add woodlands and meadows to existing Rocky Narrows reservation while extending public trails and allowing for possible future parking area expansion.
Stevens Trail Parcel | North Andover 2.34 acres | Robert Stevens	Parcel adds to Robert Stevens' earlier donation, and will become the starting point for "Nan's Trail," a proposed connection for walkers between the Old Common and Weir Hill.
Ward Reservation | Andover 5.7 acres | Estate of Mabel Sellers	This small but sensitive wetland abuts Ward Reservation and rounds out the reservation's boundary in this area.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

Project | City/Town Acreage | Partners*/Donors	Description
Glengreen Farm | Walpole 49 acres | Cynthia Green	Scenic fields spread across more than 40 acres of prime agricultural soils and provide protection of upland forest and wildlife habitat. The Conservation Restriction (CR) also adds protections for the property's 18-century farmhouse and attached barn.
Hawk Valley Farm | Lowell 4.5 acres | City of Lowell* and Louisa Varnum*	Ownership of this property, one of Lowell's original farm settlements in the 1600s, has now returned to the original family, who plan to re-establish active agriculture here. This CR also provides for creation of public trails with potential links to Lowell State Heritage Park.
Meadow Brook Woods | Mendon 60.7 acres | Town of Mendon	The Trustees helped the Town acquire this critical property near Cormier Woods reservation; this CR helps protect expansive woodlands and a scenic pond while allowing for public recreation and wildlife habitat conservation.
Merritt Property | Goshen | 83 acres Hilltown Land Trust*/Floyd Merritt	By ensuring that this 113-year-old farm – with its rolling meadows, fields, and forests – might once again be an active farm, this CR provides protection for Stones Brook and the Swift River, which traverse the farm, and their surrounding wildlife habitats.
MountainStar Forest | Peru 191 acres | Maja Kietzke and Anthony Sanchez	Donation restricts development on nearly 200 acres, protecting two miles of streams and their forested watersheds, and safeguarding water quality in the Westfield River downstream for a host of rare and endangered species that depend on the river.
Palmer Property | Natick 24 acres | Morgan Palmer	Adds to an extensive network of conservation restrictions in Natick and Wellesley donated by the Hunnewell and related families over the past several years.
Richardson Property | Needham 1 acre | MLCT*/David Richardson	Mr. Richardson donated the 19th-century Joseph Hagar house so that it could be protected and then sold to support The Trustees' conservation work. MLCT sold the property to a conservation-minded buyer after protecting the house with a Historic Preservation Restriction.

Meadow Brook Woods, Mendon

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

Project | City/Town Acreage | Partners*/Donors	Description
Shannon Meadow Trust | Westport 72 acres | Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLTC)*	Located next to Dunham's Brook Conservation Area, this property, which has 1,700 feet of frontage along the brook, brings the amount of contiguous protected open space in the area to more than 165 acres.
Smick Parcel | Medfield 4 acres | Christopher and Martha Smick	Parcel abuts 45 acres of land protecting meadows, woodlands, and wetlands as habitat for wildlife and plants.
Thomson/Gabranski Property | Williamsburg 7 acres | Peter & Elizabeth Thomson; John & Carol Gabranski	Woodlands include a 1,000-foot section of Potash Brook, which supports populations of Spring Salamanders, a species of special concern in Massachusetts. The parcel also closes a gap in 260 acres of surrounding lands previously protected by the donors and other neighbors.

AFFILIATION

Project | City/Town Acreage | Partners	Description
Hilltown Land Trust | Huntington 2700 acres | Hilltown Land Trust (HLT)	HLT, which has protected nearly 3,000 acres of riverbanks, wildlife habitat, woodlands, and working farmland in Hampshire and Hampden counties, has affiliated with The Trustees. The affiliation will help to accelerate conservation efforts in the Highlands area. HLT will retain its own corporate governance and 501(c)3 status.

Sheldon Street Gateway Park, Fitchburg

CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

Project | City/Town Acreage | Partners	Description
Boleski | Westport | 3.9 acres Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT)	Forestland adds to neighboring parcel of 11 protected acres owned by WLCT.
Boston Urban Gardeners (BUG) | Boston 2 acres | Boston Natural Areas Network	BUG transferred ownership of eight parcels to Trustees affiliate Boston Natural Areas Network as well as substantial endowment to The Trustees. Six parcels continue as community gardens; two may be sold or converted to gardens.
Bush Realty Trust | Westport | 5.5 acres Westport Land Conservation Trust	Forestland expands WLCT's Dunham's Brook Conservation Area to 93 acres.
Desjardins/Brunswick | Westport 50 acres | Wesport Land Conservation Trust	Open meadows, woodlands, and wetlands double the size of WLCT's Herb Hadfield Conservation Area to 100 acres, and are adjacent to more than 440 acres of additional protected farmland and open space.
Fitchburg Northern Watershed Lands Fitchburg | 1,900 acres | City of Fitchburg; MA Department of Fish & Game; MA Department of Environmental Protection; North County Land Trust; Nashua River Watershed Association; private owners	Landscape-scale project involved multiple public and private partners to permanently protect Fitchburg public drinking water supply, which is now open to the public for passive recreation.
Osamequin Farm | Seekonk | 47 acres Seekonk Land Conservation Trust (SLCT)	Through our partnership with SLCT, The Trustees assisted with a conservation restriction on this upland, marshland, open water, fields, and meadows, which abut 241 protected acres. The parcel is considered "core habitat" for rare species.
Raposa | Westport | 2.7 acres Westport Land Conservation Trust	Frontage on Bread & Cheese Brook provides public access to fishing as well as to land owned by Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust. Subsequent donation of MLCT parcel to WLCT creates the 8.2-acre Brookside Conservation Area.
Sheldon Street Gateway Park | Fitchburg 5.3 acres | City of Fitchburg; North County Land Trust	Vacant industrial lot on the Nashua River will be site of first park created through the State's Gateway Cities Parks program. MLCT acquired the parkland and negotiated a trail easement on the river's other side, which allows for a one-mile "river walk" loop trail. The parkland was permanently protected with a conservation restriction then transferred to the City.
Sylvan Nominee Trust | Westport 11 acres | Westport Land Conservation Trust	Donation of conservation restriction on woodlands and wetlands plus two acres of nursery stock cultivation to WLCT.

Financial Report

Silver Linings

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST FISCAL YEAR, IT SEEMED THAT THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT MIGHT BE A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S.

Cold and rainy summer weather hampered visitation and property revenues…ongoing economic challenges affected our membership and donations…severe weather caused significant property damage. But even amid these challenges, there were notable bright spots as well.

Among them is the financial stability that we continue to gain thanks to the diversification of our operating revenues and support (SEE CHART ON PAGE 21). Also, while revenues were down 1 percent from the prior year, our dedicated and creative staff rallied to effectively manage expenses and accomplish more with less, resulting in an overall reduction in expenses of 1 percent. I do want to note that program spending increased by 3 percent while supporting services were reduced by 11 percent. If not for cleanup costs related to storm damage at the Crane Estate just weeks before year's end, we would have closed the year with a balanced operating budget.

In addition, our Board of Directors mobilized to create the year-end *Twice as Green Challenge*, generously committing to match $250,000 in new and increased annual gifts. Not only did our supporters rise to the challenge and meet the match – resulting in a total of $500,000 of operating support at a critical time in our fiscal year – but overall support from annual giving rose 4 percent over last year, a remarkable achievement in the current economic environment.

Operating support from investments provided $6.4 million of operating revenue, a level consistent with FY2010. Although our spending calculation (a 5-percent rate applied to the market value of investments for the trailing 12 quarters) is designed to have a smoothing effect on market fluctuations, we continue to prepare for the negative effects of sustained market weakness on future years' spending calculations. Our endowment value rebounded to $116 million as of March 31, 2010, primarily on investment returns of 31 percent for the fiscal year. The Investment Committee skillfully managed our endowment throughout the year, and, as a result, we were well wpositioned to take advantage of a number of market opportunities.

We recognize that there are more challenges ahead. But, with a strong and diversified financial base, and thanks to the generosity of our Board of Directors and supporters, we are confident that we will weather them successfully. My personal thanks to the Board of Directors, the committees of the Board, our staff, and all of you – our members, volunteers, and donors – for your continued efforts and commitment.

Franz Colloredo-Mansfeld
TREASURER

Dexter Drumlin, Lancaster

Operating Results

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

INCOME	FY 2010	FY 2009	CHANGE	%
Operating Support from Endowment	$ 6,428	$ 6,419	$ 9	0%
Property & Other Revenue	5,311	5,277	34	1%
Membership	2,893	2,928	(35)	(1%)
Contributions	2,902	2,778	124	4%
Restricted Funds for Operations	1,949	2,286	(337)	(15%)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE & SUPPORT	$ 19,483	$ 19,688	$ (205)	(1%)

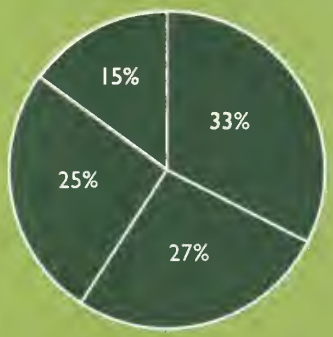
Operating Results

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

EXPENSES	FY 2010	FY 2009	CHANGE	%
PROGRAM SERVICES:				
Property & Resource Stewardship	9,622	9,413	209	2%
Land & Community Conservation	1,672	1,613	59	4%
Agriculture & Environment	1,077	1,004	73	7%
Visitor Engagement & Education	1,067	955	112	12%
Urban Initiatives	890	909	(19)	(2%)
Historic Resources	782	790	(8)	(1%)
Member Services	352	389	(37)	(10%)
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	15,462	15,073	389	3%
SUPPORT SERVICES:				
Advancement				
Fundraising	1,334	1,562	(228)	(15%)
Membership	727	892	(165)	(18%)
Communications & Marketing	352	389	(37)	(10%)
General & Administrative	1,690	1,759	(69)	(4%)
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	4,103	4,602	(499)	(11%)
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,565	19,675	(110)	(1%)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	$ (82)	$ 13	$ (95)	(731%)

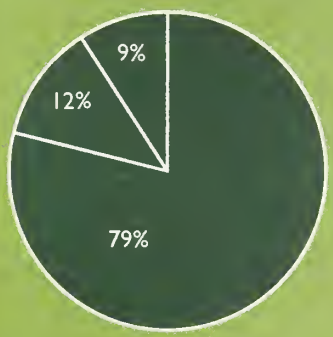
FISCAL 2010 INCOME

Operating Support from Endowment	33%
Property & Other Revenue	27%
Contributions & Restricted Funds	25%
Membership	15%



FISCAL 2010 EXPENSES

Program Services	79%
Advancement	12%
General & Administrative	9%



Investments, Market Value

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

	FY 2010	FY 2009
Beginning Balance	**$93,469**	$131,347
Contributions/Other Changes, Net	**1,507**	3,378
Spending Rate Transfer	**(6,428)**	(6,419)
Net Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses)	**27,652**	(34,837)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	**$116,200**	$ 93,469

Gift Income

IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

	FY 2010		FY 2009	
	Amount	**Donors**	Amount	Donors
Contributions	**$ 2,902**	**4,690**	$ 2,778	4,823
Membership	**2,893**	**37,636**	2,928	38,362
Endowment	**390**	**120**	2,030	165
Gifts & Pledges for Special Purposes	**6,833**	**1,381**	8,384	664
TOTAL	**$13,018**	**43,827**	$16,120	44,014

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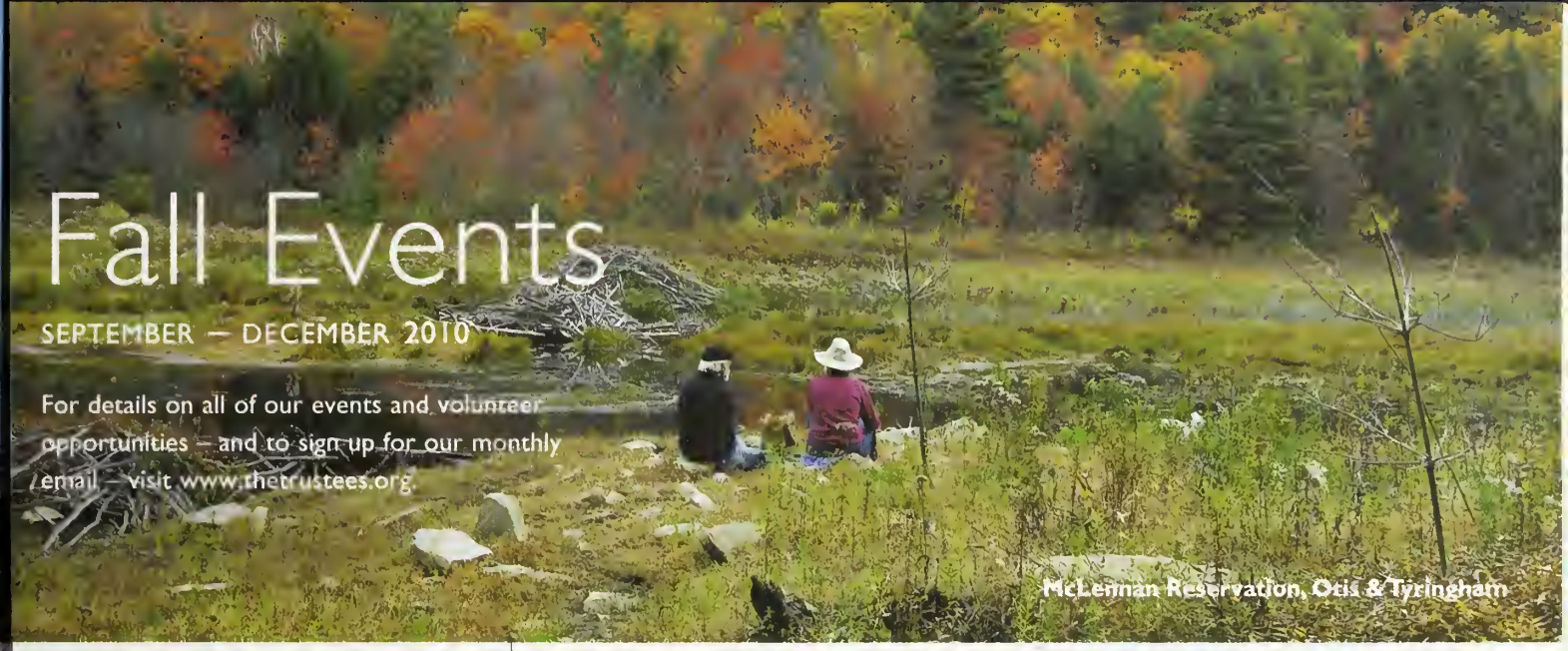

Fall Events

SEPTEMBER — DECEMBER 2010

For details on all of our events and volunteer opportunities – and to sign up for our monthly email – visit www.thetrustees.org.

McLennan Reservation, Otis & Tyringham

BERKSHIRES

Sunset Serenade: Bagpipe Concert
Saturday, September 18 | 5 – 7PM
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600
Members: Adult $8; Child FREE.
Nonmembers: Adult $10; Child $1.

Paddle Under the Harvest Moon
Tuesday, September 21 | 5 – 7PM
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600
Members: Adult $24; Child (10 – 16) $12.
Nonmembers: Adult $30; Child (10 – 16) $15.

Fall Foliage Canoe Trips
Sundays, September 26 & October 3; Monday, October 11 | 9AM – 12NOON
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600
Members: Adult $24; Child (10 – 16) $12.
Nonmembers: Adult $30; Child (10 – 16) $15.

Women's Hike Up Monument Mountain
Saturday, October 2 | 8:30 – 11AM
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, GREAT BARRINGTON
413.298.3239 x3003
FREE.

Faded Tracks Hike with Author Bernard A. Drew
Sunday, October 17 | 9:30 – 11AM
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, GREAT BARRINGTON
413.298.3239 x3003
FREE.

Stories from the Winter Garden
Selected Saturdays, November – May 11AM – 12NOON
LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY, LEE 413.298.3239 x3007
FREE. Donations welcome.

Annual Owl Prowl
Friday, November 26 | 7PM
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600
Members: Individual $4; Family $12.
Nonmembers: Individual $6; Family $15.

HOUSE & GARDEN TOURS

Ashintully Afternoons: Self-Guided
Wednesdays & Saturdays through October 9 | 1 – 5PM
ASHINTULLY GARDENS, TYRINGHAM 413.298.3239
FREE. Donations accepted.

Gold Coins & Chrysanthemums: Guided Tours
Daily through October 11 | 10AM – 5PM
Guided hourly tours
NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.8138
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $15; Child (12 and under) FREE.

Autumn on the African American Heritage Trail: Guided House Tour
Saturdays & Sundays through October 11 10AM – 4PM
ASHLEY HOUSE, SHEFFIELD 413.229.8600
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $5; Child (12 and under) FREE.

Where Stockbridge Began: Guided House Tours
Daily through October 11 | 11AM – 3PM
THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $5; Child (12 and under) FREE.

WEEKEND WITH BRYANT
William Cullen Bryant's Great Barrington Years
Thursday, September 23 | 7PM
MASON LIBRARY, MAIN ST, GREAT BARRINGTON 413.298.3239 x3003
FREE. Donations welcome.

Voices from the Berkshire Hills: Poetry Trail
Friday – Sunday, September 24 – 26 10AM – 5PM
NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239 x3003
FREE with Naumkeag admission.

Hike Bryant's Poem: Up Past the Waterfall
Saturday, September 25 | 9:30AM
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, GREAT BARRINGTON 413.298.3239 x3003
Members and Great Barrington residents: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $10. All Children (AGES 8 – 17) FREE

In Bryant's Own Words: Guided Tour Inside & Out
Sunday, September 26 | 1PM
WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.532.1631 x13
House Tour: Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $6. All Children FREE. Guided Hike: Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $2. All Children FREE.

Guided Walk: Mohican Sites & Stories
Fridays, September 17 & October 8
10 – 11:30AM
THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE
413.298.3239 x3013
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $5.
All Children (16 and under) FREE.

What's in the Closet?
Thursday, September 23 | 4 – 5PM
CHAMBERLAIN, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239 x3013
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $15.

Mission to Mansion Walk
Sunday, October 3 | 10 – 11:30AM
THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE
413.298.3239 x3013
FREE. Donations accepted.

Sounding Mohican Pathways with Musician JoAnne Spies
Monday, October 11 | 10:30AM – 12NOON
THE MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE
413.298.3239 x3013
FREE. Donations welcome.

Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas
Saturday, December 4 | 11AM
CHAMBERLAIN HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE 413.298.3239
$15 per person. Purchase your pass from the desk of the Red Lion Inn on the day or week of the event, or order by mail from the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce at 50 Main Street, PO Box 224, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

Open House, Open Lands: Welcome to the Bullitt Reservation!
Saturday, October 23 | 3PM
BULLITT RESERVATION, ASHFIELD
413.532.1631 X13
FREE.

PIONEER VALLEY

Land of Providence Tours
Saturdays through October 16
11AM & by appointment
LAND OF PROVIDENCE HOUSE
413.525.4911
$2 donation per person welcome.

Second Annual Sunrise Hike
Saturday, September 4 | 4:45AM
PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON 413.572.3163 x10
FREE.

Saturday Sustainability Series: Preserving Your Harvest
Saturday, September 18 | 1 – 3PM
LAND OF PROVIDENCE, HOLYOKE
413.525.4911
Members: $5. Nonmembers: $10. Includes supplies.

Exploring Little Tom: Dikes, Sills, and Lava Flows
Saturday, September 25 | 10AM – 12NOON
LITTLE TOM MOUNTAIN, HOLYOKE
413.525.4911
Members: $5. Nonmembers: $10.

Chapel's Canopy: A Guided Tree Hike
Sunday, September 26 | 10AM – 12NOON
CHAPEL BROOK, AMHERST 413.323.4921 x16
FREE.

Sneak Peak at Mt. Warner
Saturday, October 2 | 10AM
MT. WARNER, HADLEY 413.584.0851 x3
FREE.

10/10 Global Climate Chaos Work Party
Sunday, October 10 | 10AM – 12NOON
LAND OF PROVIDENCE, HOLYOKE
413.525.4911
FREE.

Find Your Place: 6th Annual Birthday Trail Race and Mountain Fun Walk
Sunday, October 17 | 9AM – 12NOON
PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON 413.572.3163 x10
Race entry fee: $20 before 9/30 includes FREE T-shirt; $25 day of event. Walk entry fee: $5 before 9/30 for walk only; $15 before 9/30 for walk and T-shirt. Commemorative T-shirt only: $15 at event, as available.

Winterizing Old Homes and Historic Buildings
Saturday, November 6 | 9AM – 12:30PM
WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD
CUMMINGTON 413.268.3219
Members: $5. Nonmembers: $10.

6th Annual Gorge Aprés Gorge: A Hilltown Family Tradition
Sunday, November 28 | 10AM for walk; 9AM for run
WESTERFIELD GORGE, CHESTERFIELD
413.667.7060
FREE.

CENTRAL REGION

Green Building Open House
Saturday, October 2 | 10AM – 2PM
WEBBER COMMUNITY PARK AND CENTER
100 ABBOTT AVE., COLOMNTER
978.840.4446 x1505 or 978.619.9
FREE.

4th Annual Tully Lake Triathlon
Saturday, October 16 | 10AM
TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON
978.249.4957
Register before October 1 to receive a discount! Volunteers needed.

GREATER BOSTON
including Boston National Areas Network (BNAN)

Kayak World's End
Weekends through Septemeber
CALL FOR TIMES & DETAILS
WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.4482
Members: Adult $30; Child (15 and under) $15.
Nonmembers: Adult $40; Child (15 and under) $20.

Autumn Family Outings
Four Tuesdays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5 | 10 – 11:30AM
WORLD'S END, WEIR RIVER FARM, NORRIS RESERVATION, HINGHAM AND NORWELL
781.740.4719
For series: Members: $48. Nonmembers: $60.
Please pre-register.

Ecosplorations Afterschool Program
Five Tuesdays, September 14, 21, 28 & October 5, 12 | 3:30 – 5PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4719
For series: Members: $48. Nonmembers: $60.
Please pre-register.

Music at the Manse Concert Series

Sundays, September 19 & 26 | 2 – 4PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909
Find schedule online at www.thetrustees.org.

Old Manse House and Attic Tours

Wednesday, September 15 – Wednesday, December 15 | CALL FOR TIMES AND FEES
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Outdoor Story Hour

Wednesdays, September 15, 22, 29
10 – 11AM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $3.

Menu for the Future

Six Wednesdays, September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 27 | 6:30 – 8PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
For series: Members: $30. Nonmembers: $40.
Please pre-register.

Open Barnyard at Weir River Farm

Saturdays, September 18, 25 & October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10AM – 2PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $3 per person.

Family Paddle and Campout on the Charles

Saturday – Sunday, September 18 – 19
ROCKY NARROWS, SHERBORN 508.785.0339
Members: Adult $45; Child $25. Nonmembers: Adult $55; Child $35. Please pre-register.

Meet Your Meat

Saturday, September 18 | 10 – 11AM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $3.
Please pre-register.

From Indenture to Industry

Saturday – Sunday, September 18 & 19; September 25 & 26
CALL FOR TIMES & DETAILS
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909

Powisset Farm Farmstand Sale

Tuesdays through October | 1:30 – 6:30PM
Saturday, September 25 | 9AM – 4PM
DOVER AND MEDFIELD TOWN CENTERS
508.785.0339

Hike-of-the-Month Club

Sundays, September 26, October 24, November 28 | 1 – 3PM
LOCATIONS VARY, CHARLES RIVER VALLEY
508.785.0339
FREE.

Charles River Canoe Tours

Saturdays & Sundays through October
9AM – 1PM; 2 – 3:30PM
508.785.0339
4-Hour Tour: Members: Adult $30; Child $15.
Nonmembers: Adult $40; Child $20.
1.5-Hour Tour: Members: Adult $10; Child $5.
Nonmembers: Adult $20; Child $5.
Children ages 5 and under: FREE.

Summer in the Valley Photo Exhibition

Friday, October 1 – Friday, December 31
ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD, MEDFIELD, SHERBORN AND DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARIES
CHECK WWW.THETRUSTEES.ORG
FOR EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 508.785.0339
FREE.

Harvest Festival & Perennial Divide

Saturday, October 2 | 10AM – 2PM
BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK
CITY NATIVES, 30 EDGEWATER DRIVE, MATTAPAN
617.542.7696
FREE.

Weir River Farm Fall Festival

Saturday, October 2 | 10AM – 2PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.7233
Members: $3. Nonmembers: $5.

Volunteer

BERKSHIRES

Eco-Volunteers

Thursdays through October 28
9AM – 12NOON
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD
413.229.8600
FREE. Call for information.

Notchview Trail Work Day: Something Old, Something New

Saturday, September 25 | 9AM – 12:30PM
NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413.532.1631 x13
FREE.

Mountain Ambassadors

Weekends in October | 2-HOUR SLOTS TBA
MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, GREAT BARRINGTON
413.298.3239 x3003
FREE. Call for information.

Notchview Trail Work Day: Wetland Crossings

Saturday, October 9 | 9AM – 12:30PM
NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413.532.1631 x13
FREE.

Apple Cobbler & Cleanup Fall Workday

Saturday, October 9 | 8AM – 12NOON
TYRINGHAM COBBLE, TYRINGHAM
413.298.3239 x3003
FREE. Lunch is provided.

PIONEER VALLEY

Old Growth Trees and Trail Work on the Rivulet

Saturday, September 18 | 9AM – 12:30PM
WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413.532.1631 x13
FREE.

Peaked Mountain Fall Workday

Saturday, September 25 | 9AM – 1PM
PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON 413.532.1631 x13
FREE.

GREATER BOSTON

Down and Dirty Trail Project

Saturday, September 18, October 16
9AM – 3PM
LOCATIONS VARY, CHARLES RIVER VALLEY
508.785.0339
FREE.

Drawing on the Fall Harvest at Weir River Farm
Sunday, October 3 | 10 – 11AM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781 740 4796
Per grandparent and child team: Members: $15. Nonmembers: $25. Please pre-register.

Powisset Fall Celebration
Saturday, October 9 | 12:30 – 4:30PM
POWISSET FARM, DOVER 508 785 9519
Members: Individual $2; Family $5.
Nonmembers: Individual $4; Family: $10.

Old Manse Fall Festival
Sunday – Monday, October 10 & 11
11AM – 3PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978 369 3909

Annual Pumpkin Float
Saturday, October 16 | 5:30PM
(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17)
BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK
POPE JOHN PAUL II PARK, GALLIVAN BLVD.
DORCHESTER 617 542 7696
FREE.

Seed, Sow & Grow: Season Extenders
Saturday, October 16 | 10 – 11:30AM
BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK
CITY NATIVES 30 EDGEWATER DRIVE, MATTAPAN
617 542 7696
FREE.

The Halloween Haunted Attic Tour
Friday, October 29 | 6PM, 7PM, 8PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978 369 3909
Members: $8. Nonmembers: $12. Online registration available at www.thetrustees.org.

Pumpkins in the Park
Saturday, October 23 | 5:30 – 7PM
FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, WALPOLE
781 784 0567

Historic Thanksgivings at The Old Manse
Sunday, November 21 | 1PM, 3PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978 369 3909
Members: $8. Nonmembers: $12. Online registration available at www.thetrustees.org.

Candlelight Holiday Open House
Thursday, December 9 | 6 – 9PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978 369 3909
Call for details.

Grand Holiday Sale at the Old Manse Bookstore
Saturday – Sunday, December 11 – 12, 18 – 19 | 12NOON – 5PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978 369 3909

1820s Holiday House Tour
Sunday, December 12 | 12NOON, 1PM, 3PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978.369.3909
Members: $8. Nonmembers: $12.

Raise the Wreath
Sunday, December 12 | 1 – 4PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781 740 4796
Members: $3. Nonmembers: $5. Please pre-register.

Boxing Day Sale with British Goods and Foodstuffs
Sunday – Monday, December 26 & 27
12NOON – 5PM
OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978 369.3909

NORTHEAST REGION

THE PAINE HOUSE AT GREENWOOD FARM
IPSWICH 978 356.4351 x4049

Paine House Tours
First Saturdays through October
11AM – 3PM
FREE.

Life on a Saltwater Farm: House Tour & Walk
Saturday, September 18 | 3 – 4PM
FREE.

THE FARM FIELD SCHOOL AT APPLETON FARMS
IPSWICH HAMILTON
Join us for hands-on sustainable agriculture, and volunteer, and stewardship programs for adults, families, and children. Please pre-register for programs by calling 978.356.5728.

FOR FAMILIES

Meet the Cows
Saturdays, September 11 & November 13
3 – 4:30PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
Members: $4. Nonmembers: $5.

Mini-Moo's
Tuesday, September 14, Monday, October 18, & Tuesday, November 9
3:30 – 4:30PM
Members: $4. Nonmembers: $5.

Meet the Chickens
Tuesday, September 21;
Wednesday, October 13;
Wednesday, November 9 | 3:30 – 4:30PM
Members: $4. Nonmembers: $5.
Please pre-register.

Night Sky
Friday, November 12 | 6:30 – 8:30PM
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.

Appleton Farms: Special Events
IPSWICH/HAMILTON 9787.356.5728

Family Farm Day
Sunday, September 19 | 10AM – 3PM
Members: $15 per car. Nonmembers: $20 per car.

Strolling of the Dairy Herd
Sunday, October 24 | 2:30 – 4:30PM
FREE.

The Farm Nisse of Appleton Farms
Friday, December 17 | 3:30 – 5PM
FREE. Member event. Friends welcome.

FOR ADULTS

Farmstead & Old House Tour
Sundays, September 26 & October 17
3 – 5PM
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.

Cooking & Preserving the Harvest
Wednesday, October 6 | 5 – 7PM
Members: $8. Nonmembers: $10.

FOR YOUTH

Young Farmers
(AGES 8–10) Five Tuesdays, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19 | 4 – 5:30PM
For series: Members: $72.
Nonmembers: $90.

Farm Fiddleheads
(AGES 3–5 WITH AN ADULT)
Five Wednesdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20 | 10 – 11:30AM
For series: Members: $50. Nonmembers: $60.
Fee includes adult and child.

Celebrate the Harvest
(AGES 7 & UP) Monday, October 25
3:30 – 5:30PM
Members: $10. Nonmembers: $12.

Candle Making at the Farm
(AGES 7 & UP) Monday, November 8
3:30 – 5:30PM
Members: $10. Nonmembers: $12.

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

For information regarding house and landscape tours and special events or to register for group tours, call 978.356.4351 x4049. For other events, pre-registration is required through www.craneestate.org or 978.356.4351.

Castle Hill Landscape Tours

Through October 9: Thursdays | 10AM; Saturdays | 10AM & 1PM
978.356.4351 x4049
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $5. Children 12 and under FREE.

Great House Tours

Through October 9 (1-HOUR TOUR EVERY HALF HOUR): Fridays & Saturdays 10AM – 2PM (LAST TOUR AT 1PM); Wednesdays & Thursdays 10AM – 4PM (LAST TOUR AT 3PM)
978.356.4351 x4049
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult $10. Children 12 and under FREE.

Hiking the Coastal Landscape: A Trails and Sails Special Event

Saturday, September 18 | 10AM – 12NOON
978.356.4351 x4062
FREE.

Choate Island Day

Sunday, October 10 | 10AM – 2PM
CRANE WILDLIFE REFUGE ON THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.356.4351
Members: Adult $10; Child $5. Nonmembers: Adult $15; Child $10.

Journey to Cedar Point

Saturdays, October 16 & 23 | 1 – 3PM
978.356.4351 x4049
FREE with Castle Hill admission.

Hot & Cold Tour: Behind the Scenes of the Great House

Thursday, Septmeber 16 | 4:30 & 5PM
Saturday, October 16 | 10 & 10:30AM
(1.5-HOUR TOUR)
978.356.4351 x4049
Members: $15. Nonmembers: $20.

Crane Estate Art Show & Sale

ARTISTS' RECEPTION:
Friday, November 5 | 7 – 10PM
PUBLIC SHOW: Saturday – Sunday, November 6 & 7 | 10AM – 4PM
Friday's reception is open to artists and the general public. Members: $35. Nonmembers: $45. Public Show: FREE.

Holiday Decorating Workshop

Early December
Visit www.thetrustees.org for details.

The Greening of the Great House: Holiday Open House Tours

Friday, December 3 | 5 – 9PM
Saturday, December 4 | 12NOON – 6PM
Sunday, December 5 | 12NOON – 4PM
Members: Adult $8; Child $5. Nonmembers: Adult $12; Child $8. Ipswich residents: $5 with proof of residency.

Holiday Choral Concert

Sunday, December 12 | 3PM
Members: $20. Nonmembers: $25.

LANDSCAPES & LANDMARKS LECTURE SERIES 2010

Celebrating 100 Years of the Crane Estate Landscape

THE GREAT HOUSE AT CASTLE HILL ON THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
Members: $10. Nonmembers: $15; Series price: Members: $25; Nonmembers: $40.

A Grand Undertaking: The Allée Restoration at Castle Hill

Thursday, September 9 | 7PM
Presenters: Lucinda Brockway, Landscape Architect, and Bob Murray, Crane Estate Superintendent.

Before the Grand Allée: The Olmsted Brothers at Castle Hill

Thursday, October 21 | 7PM
Presenter: Professor Keith Morgan, Director of Architectural Studies, Boston University.

A Winding Tale of Craft and Creation: Arthur Shurcliff and the Road Argilla

Thursday, November 18 | 7PM
Presenter: Elizabeth Hope Cushing, PhD, Shurcliff Scholar.

Volunteer

NORTHEAST

CoastSweep: Annual Crane Beach Clean Up

Saturday, September 11 | 9:30AM – 2PM
CRANE BEACH ON THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
978.356.4351 x4062
FREE for event participants.

Fall Cleanup – Volunteer Workday

Saturday, October 16 | 10AM – 2PM
APPLETON FARMS & GRASS RIDES
HAMILTON & IPSWICH 978.356.5728
FREE.

Cape Ann Conservation Crewhands (FOR 15-16 YEAR OLDS)

Thursday – Saturday, September 16 – 25
9AM – 12:30PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400
FREE.

Flower Hours in the Flower Fields

Thursdays, September 16, 23, 30
9 – 11AM
LONG HILL BEVERLY 978.921.1944 x4018
FREE

Wednesdays in the Garden

Wednesdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13 | 9AM – 12NOON
STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE, NORTH ANDOVER
978.682.3580
FREE.

Fall Conservation Crewhands

Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27
3:30 – 5:30PM
CASTLE HILL ON THE CRANE ESTATE IPSWICH
978.380.4319
FREE.

SOUTHEAST

Uncovering the Past: Volunteer Day

Saturday, October 16 | 9AM – 12NOON
COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER 508.636.4693 x13
FREE.

Stone Wall Workshop

Saturday, November 6 | 9AM – 12NOON
CORNELL FARM DARTMOUTH 508.636.4693 x13
Exclusively for Trustees' members. FREE.

The Long Hill Horticultural Center

BEVERLY 978.921.1944 x4018
Please pre-register by calling 978.921.1944 x4018, emailing bzschau@ttor.org, or registering online at www.thetrustees.org/longhill.

Pick-Your-Own Flowers at the Flower Fields
Through October, Thursdays | 3 – 5PM; Fridays | 12NOON – 5PM; Saturdays | 10AM – 5PM

Renovate and Replant: Native Alternatives for Common Invasive Species in the Garden
Saturday, September 25
9:30AM – 12NOON
Members: $22. Nonmembers: $28. Co-sponsored with The New England Wild Flower Society.

Sprouting Gardeners: Autumn Adventures
Four Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28
9:30 – 10:30AM
For series: Member children: $35.
Nonmember children: $45. Please pre-register.

Sheet Composting Workshop
Thursday, October 14 | 4 – 5:30PM
Members: $15. Nonmembers: $20.

Raising Chickens in Your Backyard
Saturday, October 23 | 10 – 11:30AM
Members: $20. Nonmembers: $25.

Native Groundcovers with Laura Eisner
Wednesday, October 27 | 7 – 9PM
Members: $22. Nonmembers: $26. Co-sponsored with The New England Wild Flower Society.

Cape Ann Education Programs

Pre-register by calling 978.281.8400, emailing capeann@ttor.org, or visiting www.thetrustees.org
CAPE ANN DISCOVERY CENTER AT RAVENSWOOD PARK, 40 WESTERN AVENUE, GLOUCESTER

Beginning Birding
Third Sundays, September 25, October 16, November 21 | 8 – 10AM
HALIBUT POINT RESERVATION, ROCKPORT
FREE.

Meet the Ravenswood Hermit
Sunday, September 26 | 1 – 3PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.
Pre-registration requested.

Heart-Healthy Trail Day!
Sunday, October 3 | 10 – 11:30AM
COOLIDGE RESERVATION, MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA
FREE.

Junior Conservationist: My Side of the Mountain
Five Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4 | 4 – 5:30PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
For series: Members: $65. Nonmember: $75.
Pre-registration required.

350.org Climate Action Day
Sunday, October 10 | 4:30 – 6PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
FREE.

Discoverers' Day Family Fest!
Monday, October 11 | 12NOON – 2PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.
Pre-registration required.

Wilderness to Special Place
Sundays, September 12*, October 10, & November 7 | 1 – 3PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.
*Grandparents FREE today.

Mt. Ann Forest Frolic
Saturday, October 16 | 1 – 3PM
MOUNT ANN PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: $8. Nonmembers: $10. Space limited; pre-registration required.

Ravenswood Trail Race
Sunday, October 17 | 9AM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Go to www.thetrustees.org for details.

ExSKULLent Adventures Family Fest!
Saturday, November 6 | 1 – 3PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.
Pre-registration required.

Sweetbay Swamp Quest Fest!
Saturday, November 13 | 1 – 3PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
FREE. Pre-registration required.

Ravenswood Rocks!
Sunday, November 14 | 1 – 3PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: $5.
Pre-registration required.

Solstice Stroll
Saturday, December 18 | 4 – 6PM
RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER
Members: FREE. Nonmembers $5.
Pre-registration required.

Kayak Slocum's River
Saturday, October 9 | 9AM – 12NOON
RUSSELLS MILLS LANDING, HORSENECK ROAD, DARTMOUTH 508.636.4693 x13
Members: $20. Nonmembers: $30.
Pre-registration required.

SOUTHEAST REGION

Wild Edibles Walk
Saturday, September 18 | 9 – 11AM
COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER 508.636.4693 x13
FREE.

Star Gazing
Friday, October 1 | 7PM
WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT 508.636.4693 x13
FREE.

Fungus Foray
Saturday, October 2 | 10AM – 12NOON
COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER 508.636.4693 x13
FREE.

Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 30 | 1 – 4PM
WESTPORT TOWN FARM, WESTPORT 508.636.4693 x13
FREE.

East Over South Opening
Saturday, November 13 | 1PM
EAST OVER SOUTH, MARION 508.636.4693 x13
FREE.

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

Surfcasting Adventures
Daily, call for details
COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799
Adults $75; Child $30.

Natural History Tour
Daily, through Columbus Day
COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799
Members: Adult $30; Child (12 and under) $15.
Nonmembers: Adult $40; Child (12 and under) $15.

Cape Poge Natural History Tour*
Daily, through October 18 | 9AM & 1:30PM
(TOUR DURATION: 3 HOURS)
CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK
508.627.3599
Members: Adult $25; Child (15 and under) $15.
Nonmembers: Adult $35; Child (15 and under) $18.

Fishing Discovery Tour*
Daily, through October 18
8:30AM & 1:30PM (TOUR DURATION: 4 HOURS)
CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK
508.627.3599
Members only: Adult $60; Child (15 and under) $25.

Cape Poge Lighthouse Tour*
Daily, through October 18 | 9AM, 12NOON, & 2:30PM (TOUR DURATION: 1.5 HOURS)
CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK
508.627.3599
Members: Adult $15; Child (15 and under) $10.
Nonmembers: Adults $25; Child (15 & under) $12.

Shipwreck & Lifesaving Museum and Great Point Tours
Sundays | 1:30 – 5PM
COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE.
NANTUCKET 508.228.6799
Members: Adult $40; Child (12 and under) $15.
Nonmembers: Adult $50; Child (12 and under) $15.

Bringing Nature Home: Biodiversity in Your Back Yard
Wednesday, September 15 | 7PM
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, NANTUCKET
For more information please visit
www.nantucketbiodiversityinitiative.org

Two Lighthouse Tour
Thursday, September 23 | 3:30 – 7PM
GREAT POINT LIGHTHOUSE AND SANKATY LIGHTHOUSE NANTUCKET
Members: Adult $40; Child (12 and under) $15.
Nonmembers: Adult $50; Child (12 and under) $15.

***For the above Cape Poge events, transportaion from the ferry is available if you register in advance.**

REI OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Learn something new and enjoy your favorite Trustees reservation at the same time on these special REI Outdoor School programs. For more information, visit www.thetrustees.org/REI.

Backcountry Cooking
REI Members: $40. Nonmembers: $60.

Saturday, November 13 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM – Participants meet at upper Turkey Hill parking area at Whitney & Thayer Woods

Digital Camera Field Trip
REI Members: $65. Nonmembers: $85.

Saturday, October 9 | 9AM – 3PM
APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH – Participants meet at Appleton Farms

Essential Camping Skills
REI Members: $40. Nonmembers: $60.

Saturday, September 18 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM – Participants meet at main parking area at Whitney & Thayer Woods.

Family Hike
REI Members: $10. Nonmembers: $30.
All children are FREE.

Saturday, September 25 | 10AM – 2PM
WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM – Participants meet at Weir River Farm.

Saturday, October 16 | 10AM – 2PM
APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH – Participants meet at Appleton Farms

Introduction to Canoeing
REI Members: $70. Nonmembers: $90

Saturday, October 2 | 9AM – 3PM
CHARLES RIVER PENINSULA, NEEDHAM – Participants meet at Boston REI

Introduction to GPS Navigation
REI Members: $60. Nonmembers: $80.

Saturday, November 6 | 9AM – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD – Participants meet at Rocky Woods

Introduction to Map and Compass
REI Members: $60. Nonmembers: $80.

Saturday, September 25 | 9AM – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD – Participants meet at Rocky Woods

Introduction to Mountain Biking
REI Members: $65. Nonmembers: $85.

Saturday, September 18 | 9AM – 3PM
ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD – Participants meet at Rocky Woods

Saturday, October 2 | 9AM – 3PM
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM – Participants meet at main parking area at Whitney & Thayer Woods

Kayak Level 1
REI Members: $95. Nonmembers: $115.

Sunday, September 26 | 10AM – 4PM
CHARLES RIVER PENINSULA, NEEDHAM – Participants meet at Framingham REI

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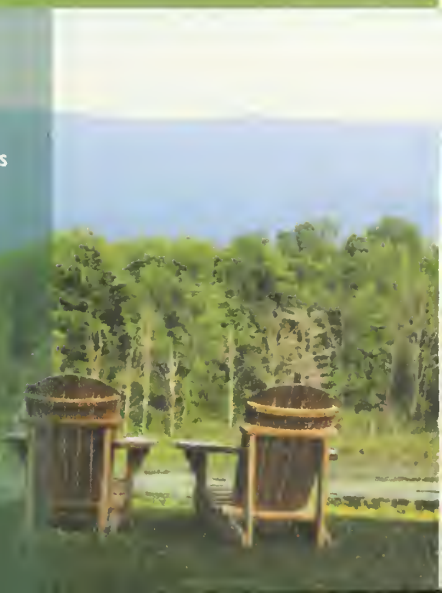

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Later a salesman and board member for Bird and Son, Charlie was "loaded with charm," remembers cousin and fellow Trustees member Oliver Wolcott. "He had a way of getting close to whomever he was talking to, looking them square in the eye, and listening to them as though there was no one else in the room."

After moving to South Carolina in 1970, Charlie continued to spend summers on the North Shore, where his connections ran deep: His mother was a member of the Appleton family, and the extended family had enjoyed hunting and holidays together in Ipswich. Appleton Farms remained a favorite place, and Charlie and his wife Elizabeth, who survives him, supported projects there including the current "green" renovation of the Old House.

Thanks to Charlie Bird's dedication to the park his grandfather created, Bird Park today is a thriving gathering place for the people of Walpole. Appleton Farms was another of Charlie's favorite places.

But his most indelible contribution to the landscape was the resuscitation of Walpole's Francis William Bird Park, which his grandfather had established in 1925, the year he was born. Concerned about the property's fate, Charlie helped secure Trustees ownership in 2003.

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